SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend specification paragraphs 51, 52 and 60, wherein underlining indicates additions and double brackets indicate deletions, as follows:

[0051] Referring to Fig. 3, in the preferred embodiment, a sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 is defined by the compacting side 42a of the gate 42 and at least a portion of the inner surface 12a of the feed tube 12. It is preferred that the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 is formed by the gate 42 and a portion of the inner surface 12a of the feed tube 12 adjacent the compacting side 70 of the feed cavity 18 for consolidation of the processing foodstuff therein. When the foodstuff is consolidated within the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77, the food pusher 30 may be positioned over the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 to urge the compacted foodstuff toward the outlet feed end 12c of the feed tube 12.

[0052] Referring to Figs. 3, 5 and 7, in the preferred embodiment, the food pusher 30 substantially fills the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 when the moveable gate 42 is in the compacting position and the pusher lip 30a is engaged with the neck 24b of the cover 24. The food pusher 30 is not limited to a size that substantially fills the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 when the moveable gate 42 is in the compacting position and the pusher lip 30b is engaged with the neck 24b. For example, the food pusher 30 may be smaller than the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 and still function to urge foodstuff toward the outlet feed end 12c. In addition, the food pusher 30 may have various shapes and sizes that do not substantially fill the sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 in the compacting and storage positions, respectively.

[0060] When all of the foodstuff within the feed cavity 18 and sub-feed cavity [[76]]77 have been processed, the food pusher 30 is removed from the central hole 24a and power is cut to the food processor. The lid release tab 60 is pulled, thereby releasing the hook edge 62 and permitting the feed tube lid 20 to pivot toward the loading position. The pivoting of the feed tube lid 20 is guided by the engagement of the channels 54 with the pivot pins 34 and the movement of the guide pins 56 within the arc-shaped grooves 58. When the guide pins 56 reach the second end 58b, the feed tube lid 20 is in the loading position and may be removed from the

feed tube 12 by moving the feed tube lid 20 upwardly and away from the pivot pins 34 such the pivot pins 34 are released from the open end of the channel 54. The gate 42 is grasped and pulled upwardly such that the bar 76 and hub 46 are released from feed tube pillar 50 through its open upper end. The remaining components of the lid 10 are then released from the food processor bowl and all of the components may be cleaned. Alternatively, the lid 10 can be immediately released from the bowl so that a user can gain immediate access to the processed foodstuff for use.